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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: CAMP DAVID MEETINGS

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1. PROBLEM OF HOW TO HANDLE OTHER PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS WHILE SADAT AND BEGIN ARE ALONE WITH THE PRESIDENT IS A REAL ONE. AS TALKS GO ON OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL DAYS IT WILL BECOME MORE SO. KAMEL, INCIDENTALLY, CONTINUES PROFOUNDLY TO HOPE THAT SUCH PRIVATE TRIPARTITE MEETINGS WILL BE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN, BUT I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSION UPON HIM THAT SOME SUCH MEETINGS WILL BE NECESSARY AND SHOULD BE EXPECTED.

2. I THINK THE IDEA OF TRYING TO ENGAGE THE PRINCIPALS IN DISCUSSIONS OF BROADER SUBJECTS WHERE THEY MAY SHARE A COMMON INTEREST IS A GOOD ONE, BUT CARE WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN. ON THE EGYPTIAN SIDE AT LEAST, THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE HESITATION TO TALK ABOUT ANY OTHER MATTER LEST THE ISRAELIS AT SOME FUTURE DATE PUBLICIZE IT OR EVEN PUBLICIZE THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE.  
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AS KAMEL AND CO. SEE IT, THE PRIME PURPOSE OF THE TALKS IS THE ARAB/ISRAELI PROBLEM, NOT OTHER ISSUES.

3. SOVIET STRATEGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST MIGHT NEVERTHELESS BE A USEFUL SUBJECT TO RAISE. THREAT OF RADICALISM ACROSS THE AREA IS MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE EGYPTIANS. THEY WOULD NOT WANT TO SAY TO THE ISRAELIS WHAT THEY ARE

WILLING TO SAY TO US ABOUT THE IRAQIS, LIBYANS, PALESTIN-  
IAN REJECTIONISTS, ETC. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT WILL BE  
DIFFICULT FOR KAMEL TO RESTRAIN HIMSELF FROM REMINDING  
THE ISRAELIS OF ARAB VIEW THAT THE CAUSE OF RADICALISM  
IN THE AREA IS ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE. COMMON ECONOMIC  
PROBLEMS MIGHT BE ANOTHER SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION, BUT  
THE ABSENCE OF ECONOMIC MINISTERS ON THE EGYPTIAN SIDE  
AND AN UNWILLINGNESS TO HAVE ISRAELI OFFERS OF ASSIS-  
TANCE WILL MAKE EGYPTIANS RELUCTANT PARTICIPANTS. AS  
REFTEL NOTES, SECURITY QUESTIONS WOULD BE ANOTHER  
SUBJECT, BUT ABSENCE OF GAMASY MEANS THERE IS NO ONE  
ON EGYPTIAN SIDE TO HANDLE THE MATTER.

4. THERE MAY BE OTHER SUBJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST, BUT  
I SUBMIT THERE IS A LIMIT TO HOW FAR SUCH EXTRANEOUS  
SUBJECTS CAN BE DISCUSSED. I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT  
TRIPARTITE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS MIGHT RESULT IN  
TASKING THEIR SUBORDINATES WITH CERTAIN PAPERS OR  
STUDIES AND THUS OCCUPYING THEIR TIME. AS FAR AS  
EGYPTIANS ARE CONCERNED, WE WILL HAVE TO EXPECT THAT  
THEIR PRIMARY FOCUS WILL BE ON ARAB/ISRAELI MATTERS.  
IT WILL BE HARD TO KEEP THEIR ATTENTION FOR VERY LONG  
ON OTHER MATTERS.

5. RE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, EGYPTIAN PARTICIPANTS  
ARE NOT GENERALLY SPEAKING THE ATHLETIC KIND. KAMEL  
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LIKES FISHING, AN OCCASIONAL SWIM AND CARDS (BRIDGE,  
CANASTA, POKER, ETC.). HASSAN KAMEL ENJOYS AN OCCASIONAL  
SWIM, BUT MAINLY TALK. BUTROS GHALI, IF HIS TIME WERE  
HIS OWN, WOULD ENJOY READING. HASSAN TUHAMI, I SIMPLY  
DON'T KNOW. I WILL TRY TO GET SOME MORE INFORMATION  
ON RECREATIONAL INTERESTS. EILTS

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